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QUOTE UNCLAS BANGKOK 34744

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR SIAM ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS

1. AIR SIAM MANAGING DIRECTOR VIVID VICHITVADAKARN, CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 29 TO ANNOUNCE COMPANY WOULD CEASE OPERATIONS JANUARY 1.

2. VIVID STATED A THREE-POINT PROPOSAL HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: AIR SIAM ONLY WISHES TO BE A SMALL AIRLINE WITHOUT IN ANY WAY COMPETING WITH THAI INTERNATIONAL

B. SEVERAL BANKERS AND FINANCIERS ARE STILL WILLING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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HELP AIR SIAM, AND THERE IS EVERY POSSIBILITY THAT THE AIRLINE COULD OPERATE ON A PROFITABLE BASIS IF THE GOVERNMENT MAKES A POSITIVE POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE AIRLINES.

C. AIR SIAM IS WILLING TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAI INTERNATIONAL.  
END QUOTE

3. PRESS INDICATES VIVID ALSO DISCLOSED AIR SIAM HAD  
PRE-SOLD AN ESTIMATED 100 MILLION BAHT (DOLS 5 MILLION)  
WORTH OF AIR TICKETS AND MONIES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED TO  
BUYERS.

4. VIVID DECLARED EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL WOULD CONTINUE TO  
DRAW SALARIES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS RTG CLARIFIES ITS POLICIES.

5. AIR SIAM'S FLIGHT TO HONOLULU VIA HONG KONG AND TOKYO  
WAS CANCELLED DECEMBER 29 ON GROUNDS AIRCRAFT HAD MECHANICAL  
FAILURE. WHITEHOUSE UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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